



## Police Department

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To our Community,

Like so many of you, I have now watched in disbelief, the released footage of Tyre Nichols being brutally beaten by Memphis PD officers. What I witnessed has no place in police work or in society... we *must* treat people with dignity and respect. As a police chief, and leader in the law enforcement community, I would normally refrain from commenting on another department's investigation until all details are released. However, after painstakingly viewing what took place, I have to speak up, not only as a chief, but as a member of the community.

What happened in Memphis on January 7th is outrageous and criminal. The fact these five, now ex-police officers, have been charged with murder, so close to the time it occurred, is a statement in and of itself. It's unacceptable and appalling that not one of these men stopped, even for a second, to try and intervene. They used their power and authority to commit murder, tarnishing the badge and destroying the lives of an entire family and community. We condemn their actions, and we fully support Chief Davis in leading the efforts to bring swift justice to Tyre Nichols' family.

We join law enforcement agencies and community members across the country in offering our heartfelt condolences to Tyre Nichols' family. As a mother, hearing Tyre calling out for his mom when he needed her, ripped through my soul. No one should ever have to witness a loved one go through something like this.

Compassion, fairness, and courtesy are a part of our culture at the Chula Vista Police Department. We stand committed to treating people with dignity, respect, and empathy. I'm grateful to work in a community that continues to partner with us in strengthening relationships.

I ask our community to come together in unity to care for each other and continue working with us to ensure that all persons feel safe and justly treated.

Roxana Kennedy, Chief of Police